GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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Use of National Highways as Landing Strips
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Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Indian Air Force (IAF) has taken any decision to use national highways stretches as 'landing strips' for small aircrafts; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI MANOHAR PARRIKAR)

(a) & (b): The Indian Air Force has taken a step forward to use highway stretches as 'landing strips' in an emergency. A landing was carried out by a Mirage 2000 aircraft on the Yamuna Expressway on 21st May 2015. A generic plan for utilization of National Highways as landing Strips during eventualities by IAF has been sent to Ministry of Road Transport and Highways.

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